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SUBJ: EDX- FY 73 CU PROGRAM FOR BOTSWANA

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1. GOB MIN AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS AND EMBASSY UNDERSTAND THAT IFYE CONTRACT BETWEEN U. S. NAT. 4- H FOUNDATION AND STATE DEPT. WHICH WAS APPROVED IN MID-1971 CALLS FOR TWO RPT TWO AMERICANS AND ONE MOTSWANA ANNUALLY. GOB HAS ALREADY HAD BUDGET APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT WHICH INCLUDED IN- COUNTRY FUNDING FOR TWO AMERICANS AS ADVISORS TO 4- B PROGRAM AND IT NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS LATE DATE TO HAVE ENTIRE BOTSWANA 4- B PROGRAM REORGANIZED SO AS TO UTILIZE ONLY ONE AMERICAN TO COVER ENTIRE COUNTRY. REQUEST CLARIFICATION AS TO STATEMENT IN REFTEL WHICH STATES THAT 4- H PROPOSED PROGRAM CALLS FOR ONLY ONE US CIT. AND TWO BATSWANA.

2. GOB OFFICIALS HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS YEAR THEY HAVE THREE EXCELLENT BATSWANA CANDIDATES FOR THE IFYE PROGRAM IN THE U. S. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT 4- H CONTRACTS FOR COUNTRY PROGRAMS ARE BEING CONSIDERED BY DEPT. AT THIS TIME, AND GOB MIN. AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS AND EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THIS YEAR' S PROGRAM FOR BOTSWANA BE EXPANDED TO TWO US AND THREE BATSWANA. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, PROGRAM SHOULD CONTINUE AS PER 1971 AGREEMENT AT TWO AMERICANS AND ONE MOTSWANA, AND DEPT. SHOULD REQUEST THAT MELVIN THOMPSON OF US 4- H FOUNDATION MAKE ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN OUTSIDE FUNDING FOR SECOND AND THIRD BOTSWANA NOMINEES AS WAS DONE LAST YEAR.

3. WITH REGARD T O PRIORITY OF FALLOUT FUNDS MENTIONED PARA
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TWO OF REFTTEL, EMBASSY WOULD PREFER TO CONTINUE TO PLACE THE
THREE RURAL DEVELOPMENT LEADERS AS FIRST PRIORITY WITH MISS
SEIPONE AS SECOND PRIORITY. NELSON

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